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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I'm a consumer who has experienced the AWFUL service of legacy DSL providers (ATT, Comcast), and is a firm believer that only competition from scrappy upstarts keeps the market anything close to fair for consumers. One such upstart is my current fiber provider, Sonic.net, who has consistently provided faster, cheaper, better, more responsive and more responsible service than any of the duopoly choices available in my neighborhood.

Broadband is no longer a luxury good -- it's the core of our modern life. To subject consumers to the corpulent and exclusionary stranglehold of the legacy leviathans is not only unjust and imprudent, it's just stupid! They have not proven that monopoly profits will be plowed back into system improvements and infrastructure, but only that their service becomes more dismissive and unattached to consumer wellbeing as years go by. There is no reason to reward them with yet another tier of monopoly insulation, and profits!

Please do reconsider. This would be a dramatic step backward!

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